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FOR ZINMAN (TREASURY) AND CROWE (STATE)

E.O. 11652: N/A

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SUBJECT: TREASURY/CONGRESSIONAL VISIT

REF: (A) NEW DELHI 16846 (B) NEW DELHI 16574

1. ON DEC. 20 WE HAD A FURTHER INFORMAL MEETING WITH MINISTRY OF FINANCE (MOF) AND MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS TO DISCUSS THE TREASURY/CONGRESSIONAL PROGRAM IN INDIA. AS A RESULT OF THIS MEETING WE SUBMIT THE FOLLOWING REVISED POSSIBLE ITINERARY FOR YOUR CONSIDERATION.

2. JANUARY 6 ARRIVE 2010 HOURS. ALL MEMBERS OF PARTY EXCEPT DEPUTY SECRETARY GARDNER TO BE TRANSPORTED TO ASHOKA HOTEL BY BUS.

3. JANUARY 7 PROGRAM:

0900 - BRIEFING AT EMBASSY

1030 - MEETING WITH WORLD BANK OFFICIALS AT EMBASSY

(IF DESIRED BY GARDNER PARTY).

1130 - MEETING WITH MINISTER OF FINANCE AND SENIOR CIVIL SERVANTS FROM MOF AND OTHER ECONOMIC MINISTRIES. SUBJECTS TO BE DISCUSSED MIGHT INCLUDE THE INDIAN ECONOMY AND BALANCE OF PAYMENTS AS WELL AS IFI PROJECTS IN INDIA.

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1300 - LEAVE BY BUS FOR FARIDABAD (ABOUT 45 MINUTES

FROM DELHI).

1345 - LUNCH AT ESCORTS, LTD., FOLLOWED BY VISIT TO
TRACTOR AND SCOOTER PLANT.

1630 - RETURN TO DELHI, ARRIVING APPROXIMATELY 1715 HOURS.

EVENING: DINNER HOSTED BY MINISTER OF FINANCE SUBRAMANIAM.

4. MOF OFFICIALS HAVE ASKED TO MEET WITH DEPUTY SECRETARY
GARDNER AND HIS SENIOR STAFF PRIVATELY DURING AFTERNOON OF
JANUARY 7 SHOULD DEPUTY SECRETARY NOT PLAN TO VISIT ESCORTS.
WHILE WE SAID WE THOUGHT DEPUTY SECRETARY WOULD WANT TO MAKE
ESCORTS VISIT WE AGREED TO PASS ON SUGGESTION. PLEASE ADVISE.

5. JANUARY 8 PROGRAM:

0900 - FLY TO CHANDIGARH (ABOUT ONE HOUR FLIGHT) AND
PROCEED TO NEARBY HARYANA STATE TO VISIT AN AREA WHICH HAS
RECEIVED FUNDS FROM IDA'S HARYANA AGRICULTURAL CREDIT.
ALTERNATIVE TRIP FROM CHANDIGARH WOULD BE TO NANGAL FERTILIZER
PLANT, ABOUT ONE AND ONE-HALF HOURS BY CAR FROM CHANDIGARH.
IT WOULD BE POSSIBLE TO DO BOTH IN ONE DAY, BUT THIS WOULD
BE PUSHING IT.

EVENING: INFORMAL DINNER HOSTED BY DCM (OR CHARGE).
INDIAN MP'S AND SENIOR GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS WOULD BE INVITED.

6. REGARDING FLIGHT TO CHANDIGARH, WE ARE STILL NEGOTIATING
FOR PERMISSION TO USE TREASURY GROUP'S 707 AIRCRAFT BUT HAVE
NOT YET RECEIVED DEFINITE ANSWER FROM GOVERNMENT OF INDIA.
WE ARE ALSO TRYING TO ELICIT AN OFFER FROM THE INDIAN
GOVERNMENT TO PROVIDE US WITH A SMALLER AVRO AIRCRAFT FOR THE
TRIP. (FYI: TIMINGS OF COMMERCIAL FLIGHTS VIRTUALLY RULE
OUT THIS ALTERNATIVE.) IF WE CANNOT USE THE 707 AND THE
INDIAN GOVERNMENT DOES NOT OFFER US USE OF AN AIRCRAFT,
WOULD TREASURY BE PREPARED TO FINANCE RENTAL COST OF SUCH AN
AIRCRAFT? PLEASE ADVISE.

7. PROGRAM FOR JANUARY 9:

A VISIT TO PANT NAGAR TO VISIT IBRD-FINANCED TARAI SEEDS
PROJECT AND ALSO THE USAID-FINANCED AGRICULTURAL UNIVERSITY.
AREA IS OF INTEREST AS A NEW AGRICULTURAL TERRITORY. HERE,
AGAIN, WE ARE TRYING TO ELICIT A GOI OFFER OF AN AVRO AIRCRAFT.
IF NOT FORTHCOMING WOULD TREASURY FINANCE RENTAL COST OF SUCH
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AN AIRCRAFT FOR THE VISIT TO PANT NAGAR? PLEASE ADVISE.
(FYI: PANT NAGAR AIRSTRIP CANNOT ACCOMMODATE 707 AIRCRAFT.
FOREIGN OFFICE WOULD ATTEMPT TO SET UP MEETING WITH
FOREIGN MINISTER CHAVAN FOLLOWING RETURN FROM PANT NAGAR.

8. AS AN ALTERNATIVE FOR JANUARY 9 WE AGAIN MENTION THE POSSI-
BILITY OF FLYING DOWN TO BOMBAY ON THE 707 ON THE MORNING OF
JANUARY 9, MEETING WITH THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE INDIAN

INDUSTRIAL CREDIT AND INVESTMENT CORPORATION OF INDIA (ICICI) AND THEN VISITING ONE OR TWO ICICI RE-LENDING CREDITS IN THE BOMBAY AREA IN THE AFTERNOON. VISIT TO BOMBAY PORT COULD ALSO BE DONE. IF VISIT TO BOMBAY DECIDED ON, PARTY SHOULD PLAN TO SPEND NIGHT OF JANUARY 9 IN BOMBAY AND DEPART FOR ATHENS FROM BOMBAY ON JANUARY 10.

9. JANUARY 10 PROGRAM: DEPART DELHI (OR POSSIBLY BOMBAY) FOR ATHENS.

10. ACTION REQUESTED: WOULD APPRECIATE GROUP'S COMMENTS ON ABOVE SUGGESTIONS ASAP. PROGRAM FOR JANUARY 8 DEPENDS UPON RESOLUTION OF AIR TRANSPORT PROBLEM AS DOES THE POSSIBLE VISIT TO PANT NAGAR ON JANUARY 9. SINCE INDIA IS A LARGE COUNTRY AND SINCE THERE ARE ALMOST NO IFI PROJECTS IN THE IMMEDIATE DELHI AREA, THE GROUP WILL PROBABLY HAVE TO FLY SOMEWHERE ON THE 8TH OR 9TH IF IT WISHES TO SEE IFI PROJECTS.

11. PLEASE RECONFIRM THAT HOURS OF MOTOR POOL OPERATION DO NOT EXTEND BEYOND 2100 HOURS DAILY AS STATED IN PARA 4(A) OF STATE 272842.

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